GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CHRONIC NON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases (CNCDs) are to cost India $237b in the next decade as per the findings of a paper published in the Science Journal `Nature` as reported in `The Times of India` dated November 26, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to curb the incidence of Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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As reported in the Times of India dated November 26, 2007, Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases are to cost India $ 237 bn in the next decade. The report published in the paper is based on the article published in the Science Journal `Nature`. The author has quoted the figure from the WHO Report titled `Preventing Chronic Diseases: A Vital Investment: WHO Global Report 2005.
The Government of India has launched the Pilot Phase of the National Programme for the Prevention and Control of Diabetes, Cardio vascular Diseases and Stroke in 9 districts of 9 states in 2008.
The pilot phase has been launched with the Objectives of assessing the prevalence of the risk factors for the Non- communicable diseases (NCD), risk reduction for the prevention of NCDs (Diabetes, CVD and Stroke) and early diagnosis and appropriate management of Diabetes, CVD and Stroke.
The pilot phase has adopted the following strategies
Surveillance of the risk factors of NCD
Health promotion for the General Population
Disease prevention for the high risk group
Special emphasis is being given on life style changes and healthy dietary habits. For the national programme, video spots were got developed by the Ministry on Diabetes, Hypertension and fruits and Vegetables which are being telecast on various TV channels. In addition, 6 more spots have also been developed with WHO assistance and are proposed to be telecast on Doordarshan shortly. Apart from this, CHEB has prepared a comprehensive exhibition set comprising of 20 panels on healthy lifestyles and lifestyle related diseases and is participating in various health melas at the national and regional levels.